

"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

Now that the so-called Carey "court financing plan" has been signed into law (something he did just hours after it passed during the special session of the Legislature earlier this month), I think we need to examine some of the misconceptions about what this state takeover of local court costs will mean to the taxpayers. While it is true that, under this plan, cities and counties with heavy court costs may save money in the long run since eventually the state will take over all the costs of running these courts, I think we're just fooling ourselves when we say that this is "going to save the taxpayers money."

When the state assumes the costs, these dollars have got to be obtained from somewhere and obviously they're going to be obtained from state taxes. Thus, even though there may be a break on a property tax levy for a county or a municipality, the individual is going to see that his tax bill is going up somewhat to help pay for these costs to the state. It is my opinion that the court financing bill offered to the Legislature in the cloak of "court reform" was merely a mechanism whereby the City of New York will once again have a portion of its staggering costs taken over by upstate tax payers.

Certainly it is easy to see that court costs in New York City are far more than those in upstate areas. As an example, court attendants in upstate courts are paid at a rate of \$15, \$20, and \$25 a day, while in the City of New York, they're making \$22,000 to \$25,000 a year. Thus it will follow that, shortly after this state takeover, the public employee unions in New York City to which these City court attendants belong, are going to solicit the upstate court attendants and soon areas such as Livingston, Ontario, and Allegany counties are going to be paying those higher costs. Far from any savings, I think it's going to cost the average taxpayer a great deal more for this state takeover scheme of Governor Carey's.

There is another "hidden factor" of this plan which will be costly to upstate areas as well. When all these court employees from New York City are shifted over to the state payrolls, the state and its taxpayers are going to have to absorb the huge costs of the extremely lucrative City pension plan for these employees — a plan far more expensive than anything seen upstate. It was interesting to note that, while this bill was being voted upon in Albany, there were many court employees from the City of New York contacting legislators primarily from the City urging them to vote for the plan. These employees were fearful of job loss and of the City's financial conditions and they were tickled pink to have the state take over their jobs.

Thus I feel that this move was nothing more than a sham by the Governor to throw hundreds of millions of dollars, of costs onto the taxpayers which, of course, they can ill-afford. It was a bad proposal; the entire so-called "court reform" plan was ill-conceived. I debated and fought against it at the Special Session and voted against it. Unfortunately, it passed.

It should be noted that this court-financing bill is separate from the so-called "court reform" legislation which was also passed at that session. That was the package of three proposals which calls for the appointment instead of election of judges to the State Court of Appeals. That legislation must be passed again by the upcoming 1977 Legislature in order for it to go to the people on a referendum in the fall of 1977. However, even if that is rejected in the referendum (and there is strong indication that it would be because of the provision taking away the election of judges), the court financing law I have been referring to would still stand.

I might also mention that Republican Minority members of the Assembly offered an amendment to the court financing bill at the time it was presented which would have prevented it from taking effect until and unless the "court reform" measures were ratified by the voters in the referendum. That, unfortunately, was soundly defeated by the Democrat Major-

GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

The weather was favorable outside events of the Bicentennial Committee this week. Thursday night a good crowd from the area came to the Town Park for the Ice Cream Social. The Committee was in charge and sold all the ice cream and cake ordered. The Old Timers, Baker Brothers came over and played, also Mike Murphy and Hornell friends with sound equipment so they were heard all around. Friends were glad to sit and visit and enjoy the music. \$38.98 was cleared.

Betsy Chaffee and her good workers, Joan Bennett and Romona Ellis had five Queen Candidates. The judges, Mrs. Virgil Streeter, Virgil Streeter and Mrs. Mark Mullen, asked the candidates about themselves and their future plans and gave them a quiz on American history. Betsy appointed Lori Dyer as Queen and her court was Cindy Depnison, first runner-up; Mona Schenck, Shelly Lampher and Cathy Zauschke. The Queen was given a \$5.00 money order and each girl was given a red rose Saturday and rode in the Parade. Joan and Mona collected money from the business places.

The Bicentennial costumes were given ribbons Thursday night, going to Harriet Redmond for the oldest outfit, her Great Aunt's; Grace Young, second for about a 1910 outfit; Mrs. Bernadine Greene a ribbon for the best homemade a hoop skirt dress, fancy hat and umbrella; Mrs. Wilbur VanSkiwer umbrella; Mrs. Wilbur VanSkiwer the most costumed in her family, her son's wife and baby and her daughter, Joy. They were given a cart to ride in the parade and Mrs. Redmond and Mrs. Greene made it.

Several others were in costumes and the Committee thanks everyone who dressed and the musicians who held the crowd. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis were over from Jasper to take pictures.

Friday the Arts & Crafts were set up in the Masonic Hall. There were many paintings on exhibit from Wellsville, a Wellsville Wood Carver, Roy Dodson of the Proctor Rd.; Gale Simontal, Chairman, displayed a variety of items; Virgil Streeter had 2 afghans and 2 pictures, needlework; Madeline Schenck had ceramics; OES had home made toys and holders and other items; Margaret Rollins displayed a hand crocheted bedspread made by her sister, Rhoda; a lady had several quilts and dolls and a man had a train set; Ethel Cook displayed 2 pictures cross stitch and needlework.

Saturday Freda Stephens displayed hooked rugs and Clarence Stephens driftwood items; Brenda Emppson her handmade afghan that took a prize and Mrs. Ingraham her Senior Citizens Quilt.

The West Greenwood Grange advertised well and sold over 350 dinners. Friday, running out of fish. They sold 80 between Noon and three o'clock, so the evening shift had more work. After 7:30 they ran out of fish and served weiners at half price. They were well pleased with the turn-out. The West Greenwood Grange plans to serve a Smorgasbord Dinner September 12 for their next money making project.

Members of Mike's group Thursday are part of Desperado Debs Mike Murphy at the Mirimba keyboard; Steve Cox, Trumuel and Guitar; Verna Cox, Piano; Paul Cox, Drums, all of Hornell; and Barbara Smith and Sonja Jensen of Canisteo, Singers.

The Bicentennial Parade Saturday morning had 35 units. The Legion Color Guard led off with Hayden Cook, Clair Austin, Seymour Heckman, John Hunt and Jerry Corzillo. The Greenwood Central School Band and Director Mr. Kickbush; all of Greenwood's Fire Equipment, 4 Trucks, newest to oldest and Ambulance; The Queen in an open Dune Buggy and her Court in a cart; Greenwood Summer Recreation; Senior Cl-

ty in the Assembly, and then they went on to pass the court financing bill anyway which is now law. It is certainly puzzling to me how upstate Democrat assemblymen could vote for this court financing measure knowing full well that the bulk of the dollars will be going right into New York City and we in upstate areas will pay for that once again.

izens; Boy Scouts, Masons had floats, West Jasper, Wesleyan Church had a float and the RLDS Church Bible School, Troopsburg Princess and Prince and Fire Truck and Fire Equipment from West Union, Canisteo and Fremont an open car for Officials and Town Members; Bicycles and Cub Scouts; four ladies on horses; horse and carriage from Greenwood; pair of Horses and double cart from Rexville; a pair of Oxen and cart from Alfred Station and two Antique Cars are the highlights of the Parade. The Old Timers were in the Parade, playing.

Mrs. June Baker organized the Parade and was taking pictures. She announced it. The parade was taking place at 10:00. The Greenwood Grange had a 4-H Club. The parade was held at the Town Hall. The parade was held at the Town Hall. The parade was held at the Town Hall.

At the Town Barn where the Parade ended, was a refreshment stand run by the Fireman; a popcorn booth for the Boy Scouts to sell and T-Shirts for sale that Mr. Ed Mullen had made the silk print design, given by Dwight Warriner. Dwight was presented a jacket with his Bicentennial design on the back. There were three rides for the children and games to play. A Flea Market was set up around the front area.

Reg Baker and Dean Lampher were in charge of a gardentractor pull in the afternoon at the Town Barn. They had several assistants to throw on the 50-lb. bags. There was a light and heavier class with six contestants from Greenwood, Rexville and Canisteo. John Mills won in the light class. He had spent a lot of time adding to his tractor to get it ready. Dean Lampher won in the heavier class.

The Bicentennial Committee wishes to thank everyone who cooperated and helped to make our celebration a great success. Many former residents came back and from neighboring towns, some in their colonial costumes.

Mr. Lloyd Allen of Hartsville came for the Parade and was a Saturday dinner guest of his brother-in-law, Francis Acker.

Kenneth Bullock and Miss Winona Cook of Jasper were over for events Saturday and Carol Cook went back with her grandmother for several days.

Mrs. Sabra Wing of Hornell, Glenn Scribner of Canisteo and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stephens of Canisteo were in Town for the Parade and to look at the pictures of old times at the Post Office and Home Builders. There was a Bicentennial display of old guns and antique articles at Chaffee's Hardware, also old Bank Statements from 1906-08 at the Bank. Mrs. Irene Edwards and a friend were up from Hornell. She had pictures on display.

The Greenwood Town Board met Monday night and appointed Bob Malin as Town Constable. He succeeds Clair Tracy who resigned in June after a year. Mr. Malin has had all the necessary training and applied for the job which pays \$350 a year and \$50 expenses. Tracy resigned because of lack of cooperation. Mr. Malin lives on the Rock Creek Road and is employed as a carpenter.

The Board continued its discussion of the possible creation of a Water District to take over the privately owned Greenwood Water Company. Action is still waiting a petition from the customers of the Water Company. The Town Board has placed the question of the Water District and municipal ownership before the Town Planning Board for recommendation. The Planning Board was recently reactivated with Charles Lewis as Chairman.

The Board discussed the possible establishment of a satellite Medical Clinic in Greenwood on a part time basis by two Hornell Doctors and directed the Town Clerk to contact the Doctors for a letter of intent.

The Board approved work in the Town Hall to convert a portion of the Hall into a Doctor's office. The Town employees will assist a carpenter who will be hired to do the work. The office is expected to be completed and ready for use by October. Ronald Putnam attended the meeting to report on the status of the satellite clinic. He and Board Member Laverne Stephens are working on the pro-

ject and contacting the Doctors whose names have not been made public to date.

The Board approved application of a stone and oil surface treatment on the black-topped roads in the hamlet of Greenwood. Approval has been made for a five year Donovan Road Program and necessary applications for aid made.

The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints held their Vacation Bible School August 9 - 13 with 30 - 85 children ages 4 - 12. The theme of the school was "Made in God's Image". Carolyn Smith was the Director, leading the opening exercises, the music and the Bible stories. Teachers were: Karen Challen, the Kindergarten Class with Carrie Hoyt assisting her; Frances Baker from Troopsburg, the Primary Class; Zella and Mary Hove from the early Junior Class; Linda McCaffery, the Junior Class; Annette Edwards from the Home School; and Lawrence Warriner, Mark Bognoff and Brian Ellis had recreation for the children. The program was Friday night with a good attendance by the parents. The Vacation Bible School also had a wagon full of singing children in the Bicentennial Parade, Saturday.

The Volunteer Firemen are sponsoring a Round and Square Dances at the Hulise Brothers New Barn at West Greenwood, Saturday, August 28.

Mrs. Mary Webster, 88, widow of George Davis Webster, died in Cleveland, Ohio, Friday after a stroke. She is survived by three children: Miss Eleanor Webster of Mass., George of Penn., and John of Cleveland, Ohio; also eight grandchildren. Clarence Webster of Ellsburg, Pa., is a brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Hovey and son Robie and daughter, Mrs. Christine Austin attended the wedding and reception of her niece, Miss Debra Donaldson at Rochester, Saturday. Cousins attending were Mrs. Cathy Bird and children, Stewart and Betty; Mrs. June McCaffery; Mr. and Mrs. Mason Burdick and son; Mrs. Barbara Dehn and two children. They all stayed over night with relatives.

Saturday, August 14 several members of the Busy Farmers and Farmettes 4-H Club exhibited their dairy projects at the Young Dairyman's Show held at Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kane Farm near Addison. Members who exhibited were: Mandy Lampher, Kim and Capelle Atherton, Mary and Tessa Hegerson, Tom, Tim, Dan and Monica Harpenrider, William Lichty and Tim Leonard. Several members are planning on showing at the Allegany-Steuben Black and White Show and also showing various other projects at the Bath Fair. Mary Helgerson had a Grand Champion Calf, Saturday. Annette and Jeff Ahearn recently returned from a week-long canoe trip in the Adirondack Mountains with 15 other 4-H members. Lisa Harpenrider and Pat Leonard completed a 4-H Dog Obedience Training Class.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Donaldson and sons, George and John left Tuesday to return to their home at Rock Ledge, Florida. School starts soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Galda came Friday and he returned Sunday to Ohio to work. Linda will stay with her aunt and uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wallace until their new home is available.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hawkins and son, David of Ontario were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murray.

Mrs. Anna Tropman and daughter, Miss Alice Tropman, left Monday to return to their home at Raleigh, N. C. Alice starts college Friday.

Mrs. Thomas Harpenrider is doing private nursing duty for two weeks in Hornell.

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50 YEARS AGO

July 29, 1926

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Messrs James P. Cannon, Daniel H. Malachy and L. Roland Stevens have formed a new company to be known as the Cannon Clothing Company and will open a Mens and Boys' Clothing and Furnishing Store in Wellsville about the middle of August. The company has leased the main block in the Store in the Rockwell Block in Wellsville formerly occupied by the Carter Clothing Company and will take possession of the same August 1st. Mr. Stevens will be in charge of the Wellsville store.

Edward M. Livermore died at his home in Fulmer Valley, July 2 after an illness of several weeks. He was born on the Livermore Homestead which adjoins the one on which he lived April 1, 1847, a son of Theodore and Rebecca Livermore. On November 30, 1872 he married Alice Farrum of Stanbards. Six children were born to them: Charles of Aurora, Ill., Mrs. Cora Finch of Canisteo, Mrs. Anna Benjamin of Buffalo, Mrs. Flora Robinson of Youngstown, N. Y., Mrs. Pearl Lambert of Appleton N. Y., and Leland at home. He is also survived by one brother, Carroll of Arkport; and three sisters Mrs. Ira Foster of Alfred, Mrs. Addie Green of Andover and Mrs. Louise Foster of Whitesville. Burial was in Fulmer Valley Cemetery.

Miss Clara Nye, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Frank Nye of Independence and Claude Chase, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Chase of Miami, Fla., were married at the home of the bride, July 23 by Rev Walter L. Greene.

The Whitney Reunion will be held August 5 at the home of Mr and Mrs. W. E. Pease on Greenwood Hill.

H. H. Williams gave the following information concerning the old and new road to Wellsville: The land where the present road now runs from the Crowder Farm to Bert Cook Farm was an impassible swamp. The lower end which resembled a picture of Florida swamps in its entanglement of vines and brush. The change in the roadway from the old to its present course was made between 45 or 50 years ago. Much drainage and grading and many large loads of brush and stone were required to fill in the big swamp in order to make it passible even for horses. One spot which seemed to be bottomless is noted in particular between Herman Jackson farm and the hot dog and gasoline station seemed to eat up logs brush and stones as fast as they were put into it. The change of the road was made in three courses.

A gain in weight of 103 1/2 lbs. by the 45 children who have been at the Children's Health Camp at Cuba Lake during the first two weeks in July is reported by Mrs. F. W. LeClere, Camp Director. A Belfast boy gained 7 lbs in two weeks. Andover is represented by Harry, Charles and Ira Manroe. There are 40 children at the Camp at present with another 40 having been accepted to August 1st. Twenty-one cases of fingerling Brook Trout arrived in Andover early Saturday morning from the State Hatcheries at Bath and were placed in our local streams by the Andover Rod & Gun Club.

The former Rice Music Store in the Auditorium Block for the past 17 years has closed its doors. It will be remodeled and transformed into a Texas Hot Stand and Billiard parlor under the management of William Lauterborn.

The number of pupils over five years and under 12 years of age residing in the Second District, August 30, 1925 were: 99 boys and 113 girls, total 212. The number

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